

## Donald A. Clocksene, 94

Donald Alvin Clocksene, 94, Groton, died Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005 at Beverly Healthcare, Groton. His funeral was Saturday, Aug. 13, 2005 at Groton United Methodist Church, with Pastor Jan Price and Rev. Bill Duncan officiating. Burial followed at Groton Union Cemetery.



Donald Alvin Clocksene was born February 19, 1911 to Fred William and Jennie (Sundermeyer) Clocksene on the family farm southeast of Groton. He was baptized into the Evangelical United Brethren Church. He attended West Hanson

#25 Country School near Groton, until 8<sup>th</sup> grade. As a young child, wintering in Long Beach, Calif., he attended school there for two years, where he also sold oranges. He then attended Groton High School. While in high school, he was very active in sports, lettering in baseball, basketball, football and track. He was the winning pitcher when Groton High School won the state high school baseball tournament. Donald graduated in 1930. He then attended Northern State University, Aberdeen, for a short time and then returned to the family farm.

Donald married Margarette Orrilla Larsen, December 14, 1944 at Milbank. They farmed on the family farm, until he retired in 1991 at the age of 80. They became residents of Beverly Healthcare Center, Groton, May of 2004. Margarette died October 5, 2004, just prior to their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

He attended Groton United Methodist Church. He was also a past member of the Groton Feather and Fin Club, and had served on the West Hanson Township Board for over 50 years.

Donald was an avid sports fan and especially loved the Chicago Bears. His faith in God was foremost, along with his family and farming.

His memory lives on through his daughters, Dona (Merle) Higgs, Clark, and Marjorie (Roger) Overacker, Groton; three grandchildren, Kristi (Wallen) and Jeff Reuter, Angela (Overacker) and Shane Johnson, Jesse and Jaymie Overacker; three great grandchildren, Sterling Johnson, Madeline Reuter and KayLynn Overacker; two nephews, Carroll Clocksene and Greg Clocksene; one niece, Marilyn Clocksene, and one sister-in-law, Hazelle and Otto Sckerl, DeSmet, SD.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one infant sister, one infant brother; two brothers, Lyle and Darrell, and one son-in-law, Ronald Wallen.

Casketbearers were Jerry Johnson, Alan Strom, Josh Clocksene, Luverne Strom, Walter Kroll and Roger Clemensen.